

**REMARKS**

Claims 5 and 9-15 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1-4 and 6-8 are canceled, claim 5 is amended, and new claims 9-15 are added.

In view of the January 8, 2003 Office Action in the parent application (U.S. Patent Application No. 09/895,176), new Fig. 8 is added based on the originally filed specification at, for example, page 2, the fourth full paragraph. The specification is correspondingly amended. No new matter is added.

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 5 and 9-15 are patentable over U.S. Patents 5,336,955 and 5,841,210 to Suzuki et al. and Obara, respectively, that were applied in the January 8 Office Action in the parent application. Suzuki discloses an outer-rotor type spindle motor having an obliquely cut head portion. See col. 2, lines 50-58. Obara discloses a compound bearing assembly in which a plurality of components of the bearing assembly are already assembled to release the user of the bearing assembly from its cumbersome assembling work. See col. 1, lines 53-59. Suzuki and Obara do not disclose or suggest a method of manufacturing a spindle motor comprising a bearing washing process, a grease filling process and a bearing mounting process, as recited in claim 5 and claims 9-15, depending therefrom.

Prompt examination and allowance of pending claims 5 and 9-15 are respectfully requested.

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Attachment:  
New Drawing Sheet

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**Amendments to the Drawings:**

The attached new drawing sheet adds Fig. 8.

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